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Personal Mention

Brother J. C. Mackey reports a very pleasant communion service at West Alexandria, Ohio; also one accession to that congregation. Brother Josiah Keim was present and assisted in the services.

Brother Braker reports the work of a Bible Conference in the Falls City church which resulted in much good to his people. Such meetings are always fruitful in good results.

Brother Koontz reports another accession at Conemaugh, Pa.

Brother B. C. Moomaw leaves no one in doubt as to where he stands on the question of war. The picture is not overdrawn; it is an awful thing, war is, and every true Christian should pray for the day when all wars shall cease.

Brother Rench thinks the Brethren church needs some specialists. Well, it does, and needs them badly.

We cheerfully yielded first page to Brother Miller this week for his appeal to the pastors. It was offered him without asking. We trust not only pastors, but all others will read what Brother Miller has to say. They are true words, and the sooner the Brethren church accepts the facts the better it will be for the church and for the cause of Christ.

A pleasant communion service was held in the Ashland City church last Sunday evening conducted by Brother Miller. At the morning hour of worship a young lady made application for membership in this congregation; she was baptized in the afternoon.

The Educational number of the EVANGELIST next week will contain a column on educational life by the different members of the Theological class in Ashland college.

Brethren Gillin, Rench, Teeter, Kimmel, Miller, Garber, Witter, and others have written for our Educational number. The readers of the EVANGELIST may prepare themselves for a rich treat next week.

Mrs. Gnagey is gradually improving in health, and was permitted by her physician, on last Tuesday, to enjoy a short drive. It will be some weeks yet, however, before she will have completely recovered.

Literary Notes

The Ecumenical Conference on Foreign Missions is over and is pronounced on every hand the greatest Missionary Assembly that has ever been held. It now remains to make its work permanent. That will depend to a very great degree on the Report of the Conference, its character, the extent to which it is circulated and the manner in which it is used. As to the Report itself, it is now in the hands of a special committee who have had large experience and who will employ trained men. The editorial end in view is to omit nothing essential, to admit nothing non-essential. The plan includes three parts: 1. The Story of the Conference; its inception, organization and conduct, and its place in the history of missions. 2. The Contribution of the Conference, the papers, addresses, and discussions. 3. Appendices, including the complete program, the organization and roll, a list of Missionary Societies, a summary of Missionary statistics, a carefully prepared Bibliography of the best Missionary books, and an index.

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The Report will be published in two volumes of about five hundred pages each, paper, printing and the binding of the best. Originally, the price for the two volumes was fixed at \$2.50, advance subscribers to receive it for \$1.00. The funds of the conference, however, will cover the cost of putting it on the press, and will thus enable the committee to reduce the price from \$2.50 to \$1.50, and to advance subscribers, \$2.00 to \$1.00 for the two volumes. They will be ready for delivery early in the fall. Subscriptions accompanied by the money may be sent to the Publication Committee, Ecumenical Conference, 156 Fifth Avenue, New York. Checks should be made payable to Edwin M. Bliss, chairman.

Quiet Observer

"Your father slew the prophets and ye garnish their sepulchers."

What a great agent time is in effecting changes in the world. How differently we look at things now as compared with ten years ago. And how differently the world looks at things now as compared with one hundred or one thousand years ago. The man thought a perfect wretch about the time he was wronging us now seems to be a fairly good fellow after all. His meanness was only a spell of spiritual rheumatism which needed our sympathy rather than our anathemas.

The issues which rocked and tore the world centuries ago now seem so strange that we can scarcely realize how they could have been issues at all. Who now discusses the Nicene creed except as a matter of history? Yet once its mysteries were the topic on every street corner. Who now goes on a pilgrimage to seek a splinter of the true cross? Yet the history of the world was materially changed by the wild crusades inspired by it thru-out the middle ages.

Now of these observations what is the gist? That is, what is the essential application? The lesson is that mortal man should be humble. Seest thou a man who is sure that he understands the whole thing, and that beyond a possibility of being mistaken? Depend upon it he is ignorant. Do you know some one who never apologizes or confesses to a mistake? Mark it down that person is woefully defective in vision. He needs the perspective which time gives to see how small and imperfect he really is. The truly great men of the world have been the most humble. Pride may grow, but not greatness, by self-contemplation in a gratulatory way. It is to be expected of the child in its teens or the freshman in the high school or college, that they have a certain amount of pride in their wisdom and learning. Their inexperience makes it inevitable. But to retain this unyielding spirit of positiveness will bring forth the fruit of bigotry, intolerance and crankiness. It is the spirit of the rack and the stake.

Again, it is not best to canonize too many saints in this world. Some of those who are thus enrolled were very fallible, passionate men in their own day. Their own generation slew them; succeeding generations made them saints, and now we see that they were just men, brave and good, yet with about the average number of besetting sins. We are apt to indulge in hero-worship today and blind ourselves to our hero's faults or perchance to his virtues if our prejudices be the other way. No hero ever receives greater flattery than the first Christian emperor, Constantine receives from Eusebius, a contemporaneous church historian, yet from this distance Constantine can be seen to be at least half-pagan until near death. Yet it is good to have confidence in our great leaders. It is good for a congregation to have confidence in its pastor. It is good for a nation to have confidence in its rulers. The point to keep in mind is that right is greater than men, and while men may change, and while our confidence may be sometimes rudely shattered, yet the cause of the kingdom has back of it the unchangeable One whom time does not diminish. To our human brethren,